

In The Claims:

Cancel Claims 1-3 without prejudice.

Please insert the following new claims:

Subst B1  
4. A method for the prevention of the transfer of plasmid materials containing genes capable of resisting the antibiotic vancomycin from a vancomycin resistant strain of bacteria to another, different strain of bacteria comprising administering to a human or other warm blooded animal harboring bacteria containing said plasmid materials an effective amount of the compound 4, 4-methylenebis (tetrahydro-1,2,4-thiadiazine-1,1-dioxide).

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5. The method of claim 4 wherein the another, different strain of bacteria is staphylococcus aureus.

Subst B2  
6. The method of claim 4 wherein said 4,4-methylenebis (tetrahydro-1,2,4-thiadiazine-1, 1-dioxide) is combined with at least one additional antibiotic.